

I am a news producer with Radio Volta on WPEB 88.1 FM in Philadelphia, PA. I am dismayed that the FCC is considering easing restrictions that are barely capable of reducing media centralization as they are. The United States has one of the largest media markets in the world, but it has become more and more the domain of a few multi-billion dollar media conglomerates with a narrow conservative, pro-business message. The mission of the FCC and the mandate it has under the First Amendment is to maintain access to the airwaves for all Americans. To allow further concolidation of media markets into the same few hands violates the FCC's mandate and mission. That such consolidation has and will drive minority political and cultural voices from the airwaves is threatening not only those voices, but the very fabric of democracy.